

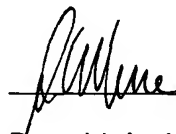
REMARKS

New claims 12-33 have been added. Support for new claims 12-33 can be found throughout the specification. In particular, support for the hydrogen pressure limitation can be found explicitly in Table 2 (p. 10), wherein rates of hydrogenation of various polyphenyl ethers/catalyst mixtures are given for various temperatures at a total hydrogen pressure of 10 T (≈ 0.01 atm).

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the earlier rejection, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/3/2003



Donald A. Nissen
Registration No. 44,261
Sandia National Laboratories
P. O. Box 969, MS 9031
Livermore, CA 94551-0969
Telephone (925) 443-7535

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that this Correspondence and documents referred to herein were deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231 on the date shown below.

Date of Deposit: 4 Sept. 03

Person making Deposit Michelle M. Morris Signature Michelle M. Morris

Application Number: 10/091,044

For Applicant: Shepodd